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2007		2008		2009		2010		2011		2012		2013	
1.	Moving the public service towards carbon neutrality	1.	The emissions trading scheme legislation	1.	Pursue an appropriate balance between meeting our environmental responsibilities and taking up economic opportunities. Reduce regulatory and compliance demands that get in the way of productivity growth.	1.	Investing in productive infrastructure, removing 'red tape' and improving regulation	1.	Cutting red tape and regulation	1.	Building a more productive and competitive economy	1.	Building a more productive and competitive economy
2.	Using government procurement to help achieve sustainability	2.	International negotiations for a comprehensive, post-2012 agreement on climate change	2.	As a responsible international citizen, contribute to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and confronting global climate change. Review the Emissions Trading Scheme to ensure the reduction of emissions in ways that result in least cost to society and the economy.	2.	Supporting business innovation and trade	2.	Boosting infrastructure	2.	Delivering better public services within tight financial constraints	2.	Delivering better public services within tight financial constraints

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3.	Supporting households to become more sustainable	3.	Improving the environmental performance of land-based industries and assisting them to adapt to a changing climate	3.	Complete final durable settlements of historical Treaty of Waitangi grievances	3.	Lifting productivity and improving services in the public sector	3.	Better, smarter public services	3.	Rebuilding Christchurch, our second- biggest city	3.	Rebuilding Christchurch, our second- biggest city
4.	Supporting business sustainability	4.	The national policy statement on fresh water management	4.	Deliver high quality public services that make the most out of every dollar								
5.	Moving towards using cleaner-burning biofuels	5.	New waste legislation										
6.	Improving waste minimisation and management.	6.	Continuing to lead by example in the public sector on sustainability and building awareness among households and businesses of how they can contribute to making New Zealand more sustainable.										